



FINANCIAL

ARTICLE 1: FY 2009 Supplemental Appropriations

Majority Vote Required

That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$572,200 (FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS) in order to supplement the following Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budgets:

Dept. 131 Finance Committee, Reserve Fund	\$ 500,000*
Dept. 192 Town Hall, Expenses	\$ 31,200
Dept 300 Westford Public Schools	\$ 41,000

**amount includes \$150,000 (school fuel surcharge in busing contract); \$150,000 (school utilities); \$120,000 (town utilities); \$80,000 (reimbursement to Finance Committee Reserve Fund in relation to Westford Academy and Nabnasset School Boiler replacement).*

Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend

ARTICLE 2: FY 2009 Budget Transfers

Majority Vote Required

That the Town transfer the sum of \$30,000 (THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) from and to the following Fiscal Year 2009 accounts:

from: Dept. 170 Permitting, Personal Services
to: Dept. 170 Permitting, Expenses

Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend

ARTICLE 3: Appropriation to Capital Stabilization Fund

2/3 Majority Vote Required

That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) to a Capital Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 5B for the specific purpose of providing funding for future capital costs.

Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend

ARTICLE 4: Reduce Amount Raised by Taxes in Fiscal Year 2009

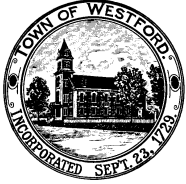
Majority Vote Required

That the Town transfer the following available funds to reduce the net amount to be raised by taxes for Fiscal Year 2009:

\$ 48,108.37	From Fund Balance Designated for Debt Service
\$ 318,664.74	From Fund Balance Designated for Debt Exclusion Reduction
\$2,714,499.60	From Free Cash*

**amount dependent on votes under Articles 1, 2, and 3*

Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend



- ARTICLE 5: Authorization of Debt for Senior Center Renovations and Construction.** *2/3 Majority Vote Required*
- That the Town hereby appropriates the sum of \$6,000,000 (SIX MILLION DOLLARS) to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to pay costs of renovations and / or an addition to the current Cameron Senior Center and any other related costs; and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Sections 7(3) and 7 (3A), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, said appropriation to be excluded from the provisions of proposition two and one half (2 ½) so called.

Selectmen and Finance Committee recommend dismiss and defer to May 2009 Annual Town Meeting

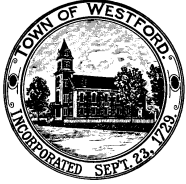
- ARTICLE 6: Development of Site 7, Country Road Well Replacement** *2/3 Majority Vote Required*
- That the Town hereby appropriates the sum of \$750,000 (SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) to be expended at the direction of the Water Commissioners, to pay costs of developing a replacement well at Country Road, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend

- ARTICLE 7: Installation of Water Main on Route 40** *2/3 Majority Vote Required*
- That the Town hereby appropriates the sum of \$640,000.00 (SIX HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS), for the purpose of installing a water main on Route 40 including the payment of costs incidental and related thereto and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that the Town is hereby authorized to accept funding through a loan program of the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, and that, the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain certain rights in fee or by easement on properties located at 97 Groton Road (Map 35 Parcel 104) and 95 Groton Road (Map 34 Parcel 25-2) for the purpose of obtaining secure permanent or temporary water easements, for the construction and maintenance of water main and services on Groton Road.

Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend

- ARTICLE 8: Community Preservation Committee Recommendations** *Majority Vote Required*
- That the Town vote pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B, in accordance with the recommendations of the Westford Community Preservation Committee, to appropriate by transfer from Community Preservation Funds the sum of \$169,600.00 (ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS) as follows:



\$169,600 For the design, engineering and providing detailed costs estimated for renovations and/or upgrade to the current Town Hall and any other related costs from Historic Reserve

Selectmen and Finance Committee to make recommendation at STM

- ARTICLE 9: Engineering and Design of Town Hall Renovation and Addition** *Majority Vote Required*
- That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$169,600 (ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS), for the design, engineering, and providing detailed cost estimates for renovations and/or an addition to the current Town Hall and any other related costs.

**Article 9 is only necessary if Article 8 is not passed.*

Selectmen and Finance Committee to make recommendation at STM pending action on Article 8

STATUTORY DESIGNATION

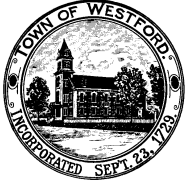
- ARTICLE 10: Trench Safety Regulations–Designation of Permitting Authority** *Majority Vote Required*
- That the Town, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82A, Section 2, designate the Board of Selectmen as the means by which the Town shall designate the Board or Officer to issue permits for the purpose of making a trench excavation, as set out in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82A, Section 4 and 520 CMR 14.00, and to perform any obligations pursuant to the terms of said statute and regulations.

Selectmen Recommend

STREET ACCEPTANCES

- ARTICLE 11: Lindsey Lane (from station 0+00 to end) and Allie Lane (from station 0+00 to 8+40.29)** *Majority Vote Required*
- That the Town, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Section 21, accept Lindsey Lane (approximately 680 feet long) and a portion of Allie Lane (beginning at Groton Road for a distance of 840 feet) as town public ways as shown by the report and plan duly filed with the Town Clerk and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed to the Town of the said ways.

Selectmen Recommend



LAND USE

ARTICLE 12: Stepinski Parcel Subdivision, Change of Use and Transfer Plan

2/3 Majority Vote Required

That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to subdivide, change the use, and transfer portions of the so-called Stepinski property, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15A; the proposed subdivision of the approximately 110 acre (+/-) Stepinski property is shown on a plan filed in the Town Clerk's office entitled "Plan of Land in Westford, MA", dated September 15, 2008, prepared by David E. Ross Associates, Inc., Civil Engineers, Land Surveyors; the property is to be subdivided and the care, custody and control transferred from the Board of Selectmen and the use changed as follows:

- (a) Parcel "A", approximately 30.7 acres (+/-) as shown on said plan is transferred to the care, custody and control of the Westford Water Commission for the purpose of developing and protecting a future public water supply well;
- (b) Parcel "B", approximately 15 acres (+/-) as shown on said plan is transferred to the care, custody and control of the Westford Recreation Commission to be used permanently for the purpose of active recreation use pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 45, Section 14, , as it may be from time to time amended, and subject to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution;
- (c) Parcel "C", approximately 65.1 acres (+/-) as shown on said plan is transferred to the care, custody and control of the Westford Conservation Commission to be used permanently for open space and conservation purposes pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended, and subject to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution:

And further authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey deeds, easements, and restrictions in accordance with this vote.

<i>Selectmen Recommend</i>
